

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

**Proposed Regulatory Oversight Of)
Broadband Over Powerlines (BPL))
Operations)**

FCC Docket No. 04-37

**WRITTEN COMMENTS OF
THE NATIONAL ANTENNA CONSORTIUM (NAC)
AND THE AMHERST ALLIANCE**

The NATIONAL ANTENNA CONSORTIUM (NAC) is a non-profit advocacy group, composed of those who own, use or manufacture antennas and/or own, lease or build commercial communications towers. THE AMHERST ALLIANCE is a citizens' advocacy group which favors Low Power Radio in particular -- and more open access to the airwaves, by everyday Americans and small businesses, in general.

2 months ago, NAC and THE AMHERST ALLIANCE filed a Joint Request for a comment deadline extension in this Docket. This was, in fact, the very first filing made by any party in FCC Docket 04-37. Having filed our Request on February 19, we are delighted that the AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE (ARRL) filed its own, independent Request on April 9. We are particularly pleased that ARRL's Request, while differing from ours on certain details, is identical to ours in its stated objective: that is, insuring that commenting parties will have at least 2 months between public release of the NTIA study on BPL interference and the deadline by which they must complete their assessment of the study and file their Written Comments.

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THE AMHERST ALLIANCE

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Needless to say, we wish to assure the Commission that ARRL's April 9 Extension Request is an acceptable alternative to the February 19 Joint Extension Request by NAC and THE AMHERST ALLIANCE -- and would, indeed, have an identical impact -- *provided* that the NTIA study is in fact released to the public "on or around April 16, 2004".

Respectfully submitted,

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